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CHAPTER 6
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Let us wake up
目覚めよう――。
from our slumber
徒然
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TSUREZURE
FUYUME SAYA

I'M TELLING YOU IT'S TRUE--
ERI'S "IT'S TRUE" JUST ISN'T BELIEVABLE!
MAKI-CHAN, HOW MEAN! I REALLY DID MEET HASUMI-KUN AT THE CAFE YESTERDAY!
ALTHOUGH I ONLY SAW HIM FROM BEHIND HE WAS LEAVING THE CAFE TOGETHER WITH SOMEONE ...
THAT WAS DEFINITELY HASUMI-KUN!
THERE'S NO WAY THAT HASUMI-KUN WHO BELONGS TO EVERYONE WOULD BE WITH A GIRL ALONE
CALM DOWN, WE CAN JUST ASK THE PERSON HIMSELF ABOUT IT!
I won't accept it!
Maki chan, so scary
HA-HASUMI-KUN!!

UMM... WE HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK YOU...
WERE YOU WITH SOMEONE AT THE CAFE BY THE STATION YESTERDAY...?
SFX: BLUSH
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
?
SFX: SURPRISE
SFX: SMILE

I TOLD HER SHE MUST HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN, BUT...
THAT WAS ME
Which means it's true...?!
Oh... was that possibly not a good thing to ask...?!
U-UMM, MY FRIEND SAID SHE SAW SOMEONE THAT LOOKS LIKE YOU~!
SFX SWEAT SWEAT

MISAKI-SAN
Geh.
WE HAD A COMMITTEE MEETING THE OTHER DAY. BUT THINGS DIDN'T SEEM TO BE PROCEEDING AS QUICKLY
EVEN IN THE HOLIDAYS EVERYONE CAME TOGETHER AND WORKED. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, HASUMI-KUN?
OH — OH, IS THAT SO THE COMMITTEE'S
So you sheepishly came to our class just to say that.
OH, BUT
IN THE END, THE LAST ONES LEFT BEHIND WERE HASUMI-KUN AND ME
SNICKER...
AS A RESULT, IT WAS KIND OF LIKE A DATE
SFX: SHOCK PAINT
MAKI-CHAN!!!
D-date...
SORRY, IT SEEMED LIKE YOU WERE HAVING DIFFICULTIES, SO I LIED.
WAS I A BOTHER?

Tachibana from class C...
I'm no good at dealing with her
GRAB
NO, IT WAS A GREAT HELP.
SO I'LL HEAD BACK NOW...
WHA...?
THEN
IN EXCHANGE FOR HELPING YOU
WILL YOU LISTEN TO MY REQUEST?
BEH, WAIT A SECOND. WHAT IS THAT?!
WAS HASUMI-SENPAI GOING OUT WITH TACHIBANA-SENPAI?
NO WAY. EVERYONE SAID THAT EVEN IF SHE DID CONFESS TO SENPAI, SHE'D BE REJECTED!
SFX: NOISE

Nao-chan.
Wait no nun
DOES HASUMI-SENPAI LIKE THOSE TYPES?
AH, SHE'S PRETTY, BUT I HAVEN'T HEARD GOOD RUMORS ABOUT HER
BUT THEN, I HEARD THAT TACHIBANA-SENPAI HAS A BAD PERSONALITY...

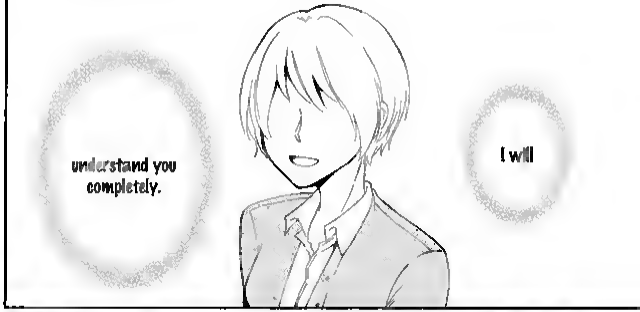
DID YOU SEE THAT A WHILE AGO?

In this situation I must make a good lie.
If I'm not careful, I'll let my true thoughts come out
TRUE THOUGHTS
...This is bad.
Control Control
Die.
I don't even know this person well
What a bother
I wanna go home already
OR, IF YOU'D LIKE WE COULD EVEN ACTUALLY DATE?
SINCE IT'S RARELY LIKE THIS, WE MIGHT AS WELL DO IT A LITTLE MORE
I have to quickly get away from Tachibana or else...
HEY
SFX TOUCH
SFX SURPRISE
HASUMI-KUN—
IS IT BORING
BEING WITH ME?

No way.
Tachibana
BUT THOSE ARE ALL LIES AREN'T THEY?
YOU ALWAYS REJECT INVITES FROM GIRLS BECAUSE YOU SAY YOU HAVE OTHER THINGS TO ATTEND TO RIGHT?
EH...?
SFX BAPUMP
SFX SHY
knows my true natura...
BUT YOU LISTENED TO MY REQUEST, DIDN'T YOU?
...IS IT WRONG TO THINK THAT YOU TREATED ME SPECIALLY...?
YOU KNOW, I
AM CONFIDENT I KNOW YOU BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE
YOU ARE SMART AND KIND AND COOL...
This has become really bothersome.
WOW..

SFX: REACH OUT

Well, it can't be helped since I'm lying.
BUT I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU
SINCE IT'S RARE THAT I HAVE YOU ALL FOR MYSELF
TACHI...
IF IT WAS ME
I'LL UNDERSTAND YOU COMPLETELY.


I will
understand you completely.

SFX RUSTLE
UNDERSTAND, YOU SAY...

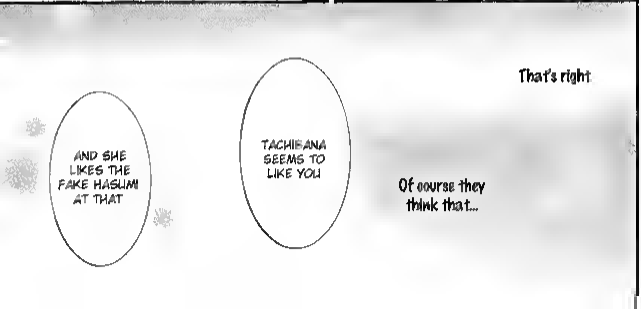
WHA...
I'VE FOUND AN AFFAIR SITUATION...
WHAT CAN...
AH!
SFX SURPRISE

WHO ARE YOU...? WHO ARE THE PEOPLE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?
ID-...!!
KANAME...-KUN...
YOU'RE NO GOOD, HASUMI. WOULDN'T SHIZUKU-CHAN OR YUKI-CHAN GET ANGRY IF THEY WERE TO SEE YOU?
UMM, I KIND OF OVERHEARD YOU A WHILE AGO TACHIBANA, YOU
REALLY LIKE HASUMI, DON'T YOU?
SFX: GRAB
SFX: ANNOYED
WELL THEN
WAH
JUST FOR AN EXAMPLE, BUT
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IT FEELS LIKE YOU ONLY NOTICE HIS GOOD POINTS
BUT DOESN'T THE HASUMI THAT YOU DESCRIBED SOUND FISHY?

IF HASUMI-KUN WAS JUST LYING, AND IS IN FACT A TERRIBLE PERSON
AND HE HATES EVERYONE IN SCHOOL, INCLUDING YOU, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
KANAME... YOU !!
WHAT IS THAT?
ARE YOU STUPID?
THERE'S NO WAY THAT HASUMI-KUN IS SUCH A TERRIBLE PERSON
DON'T GO AROUND SAYING WHATEVER YOU LIKE!!

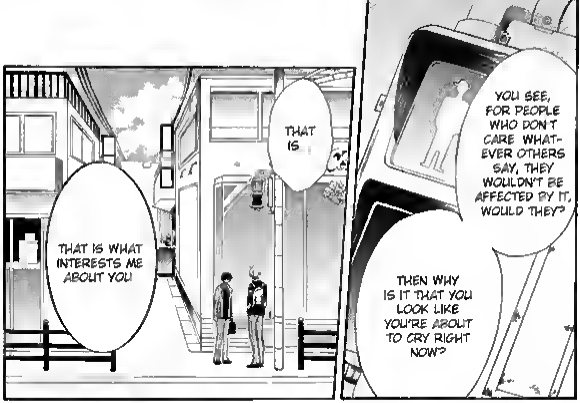
THAT RIGHT NOW WAS A JOKE, RIGHT?
...
...
EH...? WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
...
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID, HASUMI.

WAIT A MINUTE !!
There's no way that Hasumi-kun is such a terrible person.
HA?!
AH, SORRY I'VE GOT THINGS TO DO WITH HASUMI.
SORRY BUT I'LL BE BORROWING HIM FOR A SHORT WHILE


That's right
Of course they think that...
TACHIBANA SEEMS TO LIKE YOU
AND SHE LIKES THE FAKE HASUMI AT THAT

I MEAN YOUR PURPOSE
? TRYING TO DO?
BUT I HEARD THAT THAT GIRL HOOKS UP WITH A LOT OF GUYS WITH THE AIM OF BOOSTING HER OWN STATUS
IT'D BE GOOD IF SHE GIVES UP QUICKLY
...WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?
EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW ME TO SUDDENLY APPROACH ME
BECAUSE I'M INTERESTING? WHAT IS THAT
YOU JUST WANTED TO SEE MY SORRY SELF AFTER MY TRUE NATURE WAS EXPOSED, DIDN'T YOU?
THERE YOU GO
MAKING THAT FACE AGAIN
Shoujo Sense

WHAT DO YOU
YOU SAY THAT YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYONE AROUND YOU, THAT HANGING AROUND OTHERS IS BOTHERSOME
OR THAT YOU WERE REALLY HURT WHEN YOU WERE ABANDONED BEFORE
ISN'T THAT
CONTRADICTORY?


YOU SEE, FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T CARE WHATEVER OTHERS SAY, THEY WOULDN'T BE AFFECTED BY IT, WOULD THEY?
THEN WHY IS IT THAT YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ABOUT TO CRY RIGHT NOW?
THAT IS...
THAT IS WHAT INTERESTS ME ABOUT YOU!

RATHER THAN LYING TO OTHERS, AREN'T YOU JUST LYING TO YOURSELF?
...
...HEY,

WHERE DOES
YOUR TRUE SELF LIE?
...TRULY, YOU ARE
SO INTERESTING.
ANYWAY, I'LL BE HEADING THIS WAY~
See you tomorrow~
..My
true self...?

WAS WHAT HE SAID EARLIER REALLY TRUE...?
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW ...
Such a thing ...
OH YEAH.
I'VE THOUGHT OF
SOMETHING INTERESTING
A SINISTER PLAN?!
to be continued...